

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1096 without my signature.

This bill would require that elections officials provide electronic copies of precinct maps to any interested person and increases the frequency that these maps must be updated.

While I support the author's efforts to increase the availability of detailed precinct maps in electronic format, I believe this will result in additional costs to local governments. Existing law allows a county to provide this information in electronic format; therefore, a statewide mandate is unnecessary. I encourage counties to consider implementing the provisions of this bill if their resources allow, but in this time of fiscal constraint, cannot support mandating them to do so.

For this reason, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger